

# Appointments of the Desert Southwest Conference 2023-2024

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The following directory is a listing of persons related to the Desert Southwest Conference. The codes indicate the status of each clergy person in the annual conference. Names which appear in bold type are new assignments. Paragraph references are from the *2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline*.

AF	Affiliate Member (§§ 334.5, 344.4, 586.4)	OP	Provisional Member, Other Conference (§ 346.1)
AM	Associate Member (§§ 321-323)	OR	Retired Member, Other Conference/Methodist Denomination (§§ 346.1, 357)
DC	Deaconess (§ 1913-1918)	PD	Provisional Deacon (§ 326.1)
FD	Deacon in Full Connection (§§ 328-331)	PE	Provisional Elder (§ 326.2)
FE	Elder in Full Connection (§§ 332-335)	RA	Retired Associate Member (§ 322.3)
HM	Home Missioner (§§ 1913-1918)	RD	Retired Deacon in Full Connection (§ 357.6)
LFT	Less than Full Time	RE	Retired Elder in Full Connection (§ 357.6)
LM	Certified Lay Minister (§ 268)	RF	Retired Affiliate Member (§§ 334.5, 602.1c)
LP	Local Pastor (§ 318)	RL	Retired Local Pastor (§ 320.5)
LPA	Lay Person Assigned (§ 205.4)	RP	Retired Provisional Member (§§ 320.5, 327.7)
OA	Associate Member, Other Conference (§ 346.1)	SL	Student Local Pastor (§ 318.3)
OD	Deacon, Other Conference (§§ 331.8, 347.1)	SY	Supply Pastor (§ 16.2)
OE	Elder, Other Conference/Methodist Denomination (§§ 346.1, 347.1, 347.2)	TBS	To Be Supplied
OF	Full Member, Other Denomination (§§ 346.2, 347.3)	(#)	Number of Years in the Appointment

**NORTH DISTRICT**  
**District Superintendent – Timote Piukala (FE) (1)**  
23 Churches – 3 Fellowships



A Grain of Mustard Seed UMF (Las Vegas) – Ki Yong Lee (FE) (5)

***Advent UMC (Las Vegas) – C. Ash Dotson (LP) (LFT) (1)***

Boulder City UMC – Kimberlee Govett (LP) (3)

Community UMC (Caliente) – Oskar “Tony” Ontanyon (RE) (LFT) (5)

Community UMC (Williams) – George Barcus (LP) (LFT) (4)

Desert Spring UMC (Las Vegas) – David Devereaux (FE) (16)

Federated Community Church (Flagstaff) – Diamond Pate (PE) (2)

***First Henderson UMC – Sarah Moon (OE) (1)***

First Tongan UMF (Las Vegas) – Monalisa Taufa (LPA) (LFT) (2)

First UMC (Winslow) – Erna Snukis (LP) (LFT) (3)

Global Community UMF (Las Vegas) – Karla Tracy (LPA) (LFT) (4)

Grace Fil-Am Ministry (Las Vegas) – Jaycee Salangsang (OE) (LFT) (5)  
+ Journey UMC (Las Vegas)

Green Valley UMC (Henderson) – Mary Dotson (FE) (4)

Holbrook UMC – Cheryl Mothershed (OF) (LFT) (4)

***Hope UMC (Bullhead City) – Nicholas Grainger (LP) (1)***

***Journey UMC (Las Vegas) – Jaycee Salangsang (OE) (LFT) (1)***  
+ Grace Fil-Am Ministry (Las Vegas)

Mesquite UMC (Mesquite) – Wendy Swanson (LP) (5)

Mohave Valley UMC – Eugene Stouffer (RL) (LFT) (26)

***Page Community UMC – Tuulauena Lolohea (LPA) (LFT) (1)***

***Pahrump Valley UMC – Jody Topping (FE) (1)***

Parker UMC – Dulce R. Vargas (OE) (LFT) (4)

***St. John’s UMC (Kingman) – Amy Kalm (LP) (1)***

St. Michael’s UMC (Lake Havasu City) – Sandra Lee Johnson (LP) (5)  
Associate (Congregational Care Ministry) – Jane Ann Murray (DC) (LFT) (3)

***Trinity Heights UMC – Lauren Coffman (LP) (1)***

Trinity UMC (Las Vegas) – Jennifer Hageman (FE) (5)  
Associate (Tongan Ministry) – Sioeli Toa Savou (LPA) (LFT) (2)

University UMC (Las Vegas) – Stephen Govett (FE) (3)

Zion UMC (North Las Vegas) – Linda Stanley (RL) (7)

### **Special Appointments**

#### **WITHIN THE CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURES OF UNITED METHODISM (§ 344.1.a.1)**

Kathleen Day (OF) (LFT) (19) – Campus Minister

United Christian Ministry at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

***Timote Piukala (FE) (1) – North District Superintendent***

#### **BEYOND MINISTRIES USUALLY EXTENDED THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF OR DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (§ 344.1.d)**

***Eve Williams (FE) (1) – Community Engagement Coordinator***

***United Methodist Social Ministries, Las Vegas, NV***

#### **DEACONESS AND HOME MISSIONER (§§ 1913-1918, 606.4)**

Jane Ann Murray (DC) (5) – Church Relations Coordinator Volunteer

Operation Christmas Child

(Church Membership: St. Michael's UMC, Lake Havasu City, AZ)

## **SOUTH DISTRICT**

District Superintendent – Matthew Ashley (FE) (4)

27 Churches – 0 Fellowships



Catalina UMC (Tucson) – Michael Kerr-Osman (FE) (2)

Associate – Matthew Colby (FE) (5)

Christ Church UM (Tucson) – Elizabeth Rambikur (FE) (4)

Community UMC (Bowie) – Robert Cutlipp (RE) (LFT) (5)

#### ***Desert Skies UMC – Brooke Wilkerson (FE) (1)***

Associate (Vail Campus Pastor) – Susan Holden (FE) (4)

Minister of Communications and Discipleship – Loye Ashton (OD) (LFT) (2)

Duncan UMC – Sherry Brady (FD) (LFT) (3)

El Mesias UMC (Nogales) – Raul Velazquez (LP) (LFT) (8)

First UMC (Bisbee) – Michele Kelley (LP) (LFT) (13)

+ Grace UMC (Douglas) + Trinity UMC (Bisbee)

First UMC (Eloy) – Edward Brown (LP) (LFT) (8)

First UMC (Safford) – Corby Jo Johnson (OE) (4)

First UMC (Tucson) – Eun Young Ko (OE) (3)

Associate (Minister of Visitation) – Raven Gaston (RE) (LFT) (9)

Grace UMC (Douglas) – Michele Kelley (LP) (LFT) (10)

+ First UMC (Bisbee) + Trinity UMC (Bisbee)

Huachuca UMC – Sara Evans (LPA) (LFT) (5)

Menlo Park UMC (Tucson) – Anabel Quijada (LP) (LFT) (4)

New Hope/Nueva Esperanza UMC (Tucson) – Agustin Jimenez (OF) (LFT) (11)

Patagonia Community UMC – Patty Frick (OR) (LFT) (4)

Santa Cruz Valley UMC (Sahuarita) – Sandra Lynn Johnson (FE) (5)

Sierra Vista UMC – Carl Peterson (FE) (4)

***St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (Tucson) – Michael Wilkerson (PE) (1)***

St. James UMC (Tucson) – Richard Jones (OF) (7)

St. John's UMC (Tucson) – Ivan Schwenn (OR) (LFT) (14)

St. Mark's UMC (Tucson) – Lynn Bartlow (FE) (3)

***Associate (Sanctuary Campus Pastor) – Kevin Lester (PE) (1)***

Associate (Youth and Outreach Pastor) – Kimberly Ogle (LP) (4)

St. Paul's UMC (Tucson) – Ron Bartlow (FE) (3)

Director of Family & Community Engagement – Karen Meredith Joubert (PD) (2)

Trinity UMC (Bisbee) – Michele Kelley (LP) (LFT) (4)

+ First UMC (Bisbee) + Grace UMC (Douglas)

UMC of Green Valley – Douglas Handlong (FE) (4)

***UMC of the Good Shepherd (Kearny) – Jim Bleess (LPA) (LFT) (1)***

Vista de la Montaña UMC (Tucson) – Fred Baum (FE) (9)

Willcox UMC – Linda Larsen (RA) (LFT) (3)

### **Special Appointments**

### **WITHIN THE CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURES OF UNITED METHODISM (§ 344.1.a.1)**

Matthew Ashley (FE) (4) – South District Superintendent

Hannah Adair Bonner (OE) (7) – Director of Wesley Foundation

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

(CC: Catalina UMC, Tucson, AZ)

### **EXTENSION MINISTRIES OF PERSONS UNDER ENDORSEMENT BY THE SECTION OF CHAPLAINS AND RELATED MINISTRIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY AND OTHER RELATED MINISTRIES (§§ 331.4.a, 344.1.b)**

Mary Klaehn (FE) (22) – Chaplain

Tucson Medical Center, Tucson, AZ

(CC: Saint Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson, AZ)

Roger Brian Osborn (FE) (16) – Chaplain

United States Army

(CC: Santa Cruz Valley UMC, Sahuarita, AZ)

### **BEYOND MINISTRIES USUALLY EXTENDED THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF OR DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (§ 344.1.d)**

Edward Brown (LP) (LFT) (2) – Chaplain

Central Arizona Florence Correctional Complex, Florence, AZ

(CC: First UMC, Eloy, AZ)

Laszlo Vega (FE) (2) – Chaplain

Dependable Hospice, Tucson, AZ

(CC: St. Mark's UMC, Tucson, AZ)

## **PERMANENT DEACONS IN SERVICE MINISTRY (¶ 331)**

Amy Barron-Gafford (FD) (LFT) (19) – Hospital Chaplain  
Tucson Medical Center Pastoral Services Department, Tucson, AZ  
(CC: St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson, AZ)

### **EAST DISTRICT**

District Superintendent – Melissa Rynders (FE) (2)  
31 Churches – 2 Fellowships



**Arizona Korean UMF (Mesa) – Sang Jae Lee (OE) (1)**  
+ **East District Korean Ministry**

Central UMC (Phoenix)  
Pastor – Brandon Gilmore (OE) (3)  
Associate (Missional Consultant) – Flor Granillo (OP) (2)

**Chandler UMC – Candace Lansberry (FE) (1)**

**Cross in the Desert UMC (Phoenix) – Regina Pollard (LP) (LFT) (3)**  
+ **Hope at the Center LLC**

Cross Roads UMC (Phoenix) – Deontez Wimbley (LP) (2)

Dayspring UMC (Tempe) – Jeffrey Procter-Murphy (FE) (10)  
**Associate – Michael Long (LP) (1)**  
Minister of Spiritual Formation – Shirley Wells (RD) (LFT) (5)

**Desert Chapel UMC (Apache Junction) – Philip Tesarek (LP) (LFT) (1)**

Desert Foothills UMC (Phoenix) – Kristin Hansen (FE) (8)

**Desert Mission UMC (Scottsdale) – James Wiltbank (FE) (1)**  
Associate (Pastor of Worship and Engagement) – Robert Payne (LPA) (2)

**East District Korean Ministry – Sang Jae Lee (OE) (1)**  
+ **Arizona Korean UMF (Mesa)**

First UMC (Gilbert) – Rickey Casebolt (FE) (6)  
Associate – Adriana Hernandez (LP) (LFT) (2)

**First UMC (Mesa) – Jeff Lust (OE) (1)**

First UMC (Tempe) – Paul Hyung Cho (FE) (3)

Gold Canyon UMC – Fred Steinberg (FE) (27)  
Associate – Katharine Keller (LP) (6)  
Associate – Gary Capen (OE) (LFT) (2)

Grace UMC (Mesa) – Sharon Pajak (FE) (3)

Journey UMF (Maricopa) – Gary Williams (LP) (LFT) (5)

North Scottsdale UMC – Christopher Wurpts (PE) (2)  
Associate – Leah Bergstrom (OR) (LFT) (8)

Paradise Valley UMC – Jonathan Arnpriester (FE) (2)  
**Associate – Loye Ashton (OD) (1)**

Payson UMC – Michael Eaton (FE) (LFT) (4)

Red Mountain UMC (Mesa) – Jennifer Lambert (FE) (8)

Associate (Minister of Congregational Care) - Rula Colvin (RE) (LFT) (3)

Scottsdale UMC – Jamie Booth (FE) (2)

Shepherd of the Pines UMC (Overgaard) – Winona Dye (RL) (LFT) (17)

***Song of Life UMC (Queen Creek) – Sylvia Harris (PE) (1)***

Spirit of Joy UMC (Coolidge) – Tracy Perry (LP) (LFT) (8)

***St. Matthew UMC (Mesa) – Joel Bullock (FE) (1)***

St. Paul's UMC (Globe) – Gary Gene Simons (LPA) (LFT) (2)

Sun Lakes UMC – Marvin Arnpriester (RF) (9)

The Bridge UMC (Phoenix) – Michael Patzloff (FE) (2)

The Fountains, A UMC (Fountain Hills) – David Felten (FE) (18)

***Tongan UMC (Mesa) – Taike Lolohea (LP) (1)***

***UMC of Casa Grande – Steve Gregory (LP) (LFT) (1)***

Velda Rose UMC (Mesa) – Ann Lyter (FE) (2)

***Associate – Chan Hong Kim (PE) (LFT) (1)***

***Wesley UMC (Phoenix) – Towanda N.T. Connelly (OE) (1)***

***White Mountain UMC (Show Low) – Andrew Devereaux (LP) (1)***

### **Special Appointments**

#### **WITHIN THE CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURES OF UNITED METHODISM (§ 344.1.a.1)**

Deanna Dee Azhikakath (FE) (LFT) (7) – Registrar

Board of Ordained Ministry

(CC: Paradise Valley UMC, Paradise Valley, AZ)

Rachel Gilmore (OE) (2) – Director of New Faith/Vital Faith

(CC: Central UMC, Phoenix, AZ)

Melissa Rynders (FE) (2) – East District Superintendent

***Khalif Akil Smith, Sr. (FE) (1) – Director of Connectional Ministries***

***(CC: Song of Life UMC, Queen Creek, AZ)***

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Eric Brown (FE) (11) – Chaplain

United States Navy

(CC: Desert Foothills UMC, Phoenix, AZ)

Asa Holly (PE) (6) – Chaplain

Banner Health/Banner University Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

(CC: First UMC, Mesa, AZ)

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Robin Lee (LP) (LFT) (3) – Pastor  
United Methodist Outreach Ministries, Phoenix, AZ  
(CC: First UMC, Gilbert, AZ)

Regina Pollard (LP) (LFT) (2) – Grief Care Counselor  
Hope at the Center LLC, Phoenix, AZ  
(CC: Cross in the Desert UMC, Phoenix, AZ)

**APPOINTED TO ATTEND SCHOOL (§ 338.4)**

Dorothy Saunders-Perez (FE) (6)  
Claremont School of Theology, Ph.D Program in Practical Theology  
(CC: Dayspring UMC, Tempe, AZ)

**PERMANENT DEACONS IN SERVICE MINISTRY (§ 331)**

Brenda Brazil (FD) (2) – Chaplain  
Common Spirit Hospitals, Chandler and Gilbert, AZ  
(CC: Paradise Valley UMC, Paradise Valley, AZ)

Tina Rees (FD) (20) – Director/Counselor  
Practical Life Counseling, Chandler, AZ  
(CC: First UMC, Gilbert, AZ)

Joshua Warner (FD) (4) – Program Coordinator and Evaluator of Mobile Health  
Valle Del Sol, Phoenix, AZ  
(CC: Crossroads UMC, Phoenix, AZ)

**DEACONESS AND HOME MISSIONER (§§ 1913-1918, 606.4)**

***Corinna Sisk Casson (DC) (1) – Volunteer Coordinator***  
***Aviant Hospice, Gilbert, AZ***  
***(Church Membership: Paradise Valley UMC, Paradise Valley, AZ)***

Maria Hase (DC) (2) – Speech-Language Pathologist  
Sevilla West School, Alhambra Elementary School District, Phoenix, AZ  
(Church Membership: Dayspring UMC, Tempe, AZ)

**WEST DISTRICT**

District Superintendent – Javier Olivares (FE) (3)  
30 Churches – 1 Fellowship

***Ajo Federated Church – Marilyn Hohnstein (LP) (LFT) (1)***

Calvary UMC (Phoenix) – Ian Oliver (LP) (LFT) (4)

***Chino Valley UMC – Elizabeth LeMaster (OE) (LFT) (1)***  
***+ Fresh Expressions (Chino Valley)***

Christ Community UMC (Avondale) – Maria Antonieta Wyrick (FE) (4)

Community Church of Buckeye – Steve Marshall (RE) (LFT) (2)

Dove of the Desert UMC (Glendale) – David Wasson (FE) (4)

Faith UMC (Phoenix) – Roy Trevolt (LPA) (LFT) (2)

First UMC (Glendale) – A. Thomas Jelinek (FE) (4)

First UMC (Phoenix) – David Rennick (FE) (3)



First UMC (Sun City) – Kathleen Puntar (OE) (2)

**First UMC (Yuma) – Efrain Zavala (FE) (1)**

Church Administrator – Katharine Smith Fuchs (FD) (LFT) (3)  
+ Trinity UMC (Yuma)

**Fresh Expressions (Chino Valley) – Elizabeth LeMaster (OE) (LFT) (1)**  
**+ Chino Valley UMC**

Gila Mountain UMC (Yuma) – David Harriss (FE) (5)

Haven UMC (Jerome) – Vicki Lerdahl (LP) (LFT) (6)

Lakeview UMC (Sun City) – David Summers (FE) (3)

Associate – Linda De Atley (RE) (LFT) (10)

**Associate – Stuart Salvatierra (PE) (1)**

Liberty UMC (Buckeye) – Clare Sullivan (LP) (LFT) (4)

Maryvale Bridge UMC (Phoenix) – Joel Arvizu (LP) (5)

Mission Bell UMC (Glendale) – Douglas Reynolds (RA) (LFT) (7)

Mountain View UMC (Cottonwood) – Jonathan Hall (FE) (7)

**Native American Parish Fort Yuma UMC (Winterhaven)**

**Coordinator – Tweedy Evelene Sombrero Navarrete (RE) (LFT) (1)**

**+ Phoenix Native American Fellowship**

**Native American Parish Phoenix Native American Fellowship (Phoenix)**

**Coordinator – Tweedy Evelene Sombrero Navarrete (RE) (LFT) (1)**

**+ Fort Yuma UMC**

Pastor Emeritus – Floy Scott (OR) (LFT) (10)

New Song UMC (Surprise) – Misty Howick (FE) (2)

Music Director – Stephanie Soon (RD) (LFT) (2)

Prescott UMC – Daniel Hurlbert (FE) (8)

**Associate – Lesli McGowan (LP) (1)**

Minister of Congregational Care and Grief Support – Patricia Blackwood (RD) (LFT) (9)

Prescott Valley UMC – Amanda Corella **(FE)** (5)

Sedona UMC – Frederick Mast (FE) (9)

Shepherd of the Hills UMC (Sun City West) – Deborah Lerner (RE) (6)

**Associate – Daniel Gómez (LP) (1)**

Associate (Minister of Digital Arts) – Clifford Asay (RE) (LFT) (2)

Assistant (Minister of Care) – Ron Friesen (OF) (2)

Shepherd of the Valley UMC (Phoenix) – Janet Culbertson (LP) (LFT) (4)

**Spirit of Hope UMC (Peoria) – Galene Boyett (FE) (1)**

**+ Sunrise UMC**

**Sunrise UMC (Phoenix) – Galene Boyett (FE) (1)**

**+ Spirit of Hope UMC**

Trinity UMC (Phoenix) – Robert Holliday (FE) (3)



Trinity UMC (Yuma) – Robert Klein (LP) (4)  
 Ministry Associate – Katharine Smith Fuchs (FD) (LFT) (22)  
 + First UMC (Yuma)

Willowbrook UMC (Sun City) – Gary Kennedy (FE) (9)  
 Associate – Ruth Blum (RD) (LFT) (5)  
 Associate (Pastor of Visitation) – Lois Hedden (RE) (LFT) (3)

**Special Appointments**

**WITHIN THE CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURES OF UNITED METHODISM (§ 344.1.a.1)**

Javier Olivares (FE) (3) – West District Superintendent

**CROSS-CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS (§ 346.1)**

Mary Lou Adame (RE) (LFT) (3)	Texas Conference
<b>Stephanie Bekhor (FE) (LFT) (1)</b>	<b>Virginia Conference</b>
<b>Mark Conrad (RE) (1)</b>	<b>Baltimore-Washington Conference</b>
<b>Court Fischer (FE) (1)</b>	<b>Iowa Conference</b>
Brian Kemp-Schlemmer (FE) (4)	Great Plains Conference
<b>Cynthia Kristopeit (RE) (1)</b>	<b>Arkansas Conference</b>
Jimelvia Pettiford Martin (FE) (2)	West Ohio Conference
Angela McCarty (FE) (6)	Great Plains Conference
<b>Kimberly Scott (FE) (1)</b>	<b>Cal-Pac Conference</b>
<b>Anthony Tang (FE) (1)</b>	<b>North Texas Conference</b>
Katherine Tang (FE) (2)	North Texas Conference